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In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(2)(ii) Applicant has not included copies of the United States patent(s) disclosed in this Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicant hereby advises the Examiner of related United States patent application Serial No. 11/368,004.

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SU 726692 is not in the English language. SU 726692 discloses a protecting mask that has a body with a part restricting the space under the mask. The upper part of the mask has an air conducting channel (11, 12) to connect with the source of air and the lower part of the mask has a vent (4) to allow the gases to escape the mask.

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